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Fox students will develop the strategies and skills necessary to become life-long learners in a safe, respectful, and responsible environment.

November / December 2012

.To Fox Families

From Mrs. Wade

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students have wrapped up taking the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). School wide results from this assessment will be available in January 2013. Individual student reports will also be sent home when they are available.

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, November 28 and afternoon and evening of Thursday, November 29. After conferences, there will be a half day of school on Friday, November 30. Appointment sheets were just sent home. Be sure to complete the form with your preferred day and time(s) and return it to school. A confirmed conference time will then be sent home with your child. Please make every effort to attend your child's scheduled conference as conferences provide an excellent opportunity for you to talk with your child's teacher about his/her progress and a plan for successful learning in the second trimester.

Please remember to sign up for MailOut. All news and newsletters are available and sent out via MailOut. Please make sure you are signed up on MailOut so you do not miss out on any important news and information. You can visit <http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/mailout/> to subscribe.

As colder months approach, please remember to send your child to school prepared for outdoor weather. The temperatures can change drastically from the arrival to school to dismissal. Hat, gloves, and a warm coat are recommended. Students will be going outdoors for recess after lunch. Students are not permitted to stay in without a note from a Doctor, the fresh air is important.

As we approach the holiday season, I wish you and your family a safe, blessed and happy holiday season!

Learning Corner: Fox staff and students continue to monitor our School Improvement Goals.(reading, Writing, and Math). Please discuss these areas with your student and their teacher. The Home / School Learning Support include programs that your child can access at home. These programs are available to support classroom learning.

Student Learning Goals

Math Focus: *Draw a Picture* is where students draw a picture to help visualize a mathematical situation.

Make systemic List is where students make a list to help them to see different ways to solve a problem.

Reading Focus: reading the words correctly but reading with smoothness and proper expression while acknowledging sentence punctuation. Fluency is a combination of skills that come together to reinforce reading comprehension.

Writing Focus: *Expository writing* is a type of writing where the purpose is to inform, describe, explain, or define the author's subject to the reader. Key words such as first, after, next, then, last, before that, and usually signal sequential writing.

Home / School Learning Support

IXL is a practice Math environment in which guessing is not an option, and success is earned through hard work and genuine understanding of each concept. Students can log in and work at home.

RAZ-Kids is an interactive reading tool for our students to practice reading fluency and comprehension. Students can log in and read at home.

Parent / Teacher CONFERENCES

- November 28th : Evening Only
- November 29th : Afternoon & Evening



FOX PAWS SEPTEMBER WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Taylor	ECSE
Mrs. Harris	Kindergarten Class
Mrs. Sarvello	1 st Grade Class
Ms. Weidenbach	2 nd Grade Class
Mrs. Skorupski	3 rd Grade Class
Mrs. Noel	4 th Grade Class
Mrs. Fanelli	5 th Grade Class



FOX PAWS OCTOBER WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Taylor	ECSE
Mrs. Harris	Kindergarten Class
Mrs. Sarvello	1 st Grade Class
Mrs. Braun	2 nd Grade Class
Mrs. Conrad	3 rd Grade Class
Ms. Scott	4 th Grade Class
Mrs. Alfonsi	5 th Grade Class

NEWS FROM CLASSROOMS:



Third Grade celebrates behavior and responsibility at the end of every month with "Bank Day". This is a cost token economy system that allows the students to earn money to purchase items at the end of the month. Lunch with the teacher is always a favorite purchase. 😊 They learn about debit and credit and receive their own personal checks to deposit into their bank accounts.

Third graders always
bank on
cashing a "big" check!



MUSIC NOTES



Starting the first full week in November, fourth and fifth graders will need to bring their Music folders and a writing stick to their regular music classes each week. In addition, fifth graders ONLY will need to bring their recorders with them to class, as well. We will begin our review of beginning recorder starting in November, so we can be ready to play some Christmas carols on our instruments by the holidays.

Fourth graders will be working with the National Anthem this upcoming month, and will be tested on its history and lyrics. Fourth graders will be ordering recorders after Thanksgiving, and will not need to start bringing them until after mid-winter break. (Friday classes are reserved for other activities, so unless otherwise directed by their teacher, those materials will not need to be brought on those “extra” class days.)

FIRST GRADERS will be presenting their “Turkey Trot Concert” on Thursday, November 15th at 9:30 and 7:00 p.m. Students should report to Fox NO EARLIER than 6:30 that evening, and they should be finished and home by 8:00. Come and join us in getting in the holiday spirit.

They have been invited to sing for the residents at Villa Bella, a local retirement home, on Saturday, November 17th at 11:00 A.M. We are taking this show on the road for any and all of the first graders who can join us!

Third Graders will be presenting “Holiday Celebrations” on December 13th at 2:15 and 7:00 p.m. Come and get into the holiday spirit with songs about the many celebrations experienced around the world during this time of the year. They will also be singing at Villa Bella on Saturday, Dec. 15th at 11 am., bringing the music of the season to the residents there!

Our all school sing-along will take place at 2:15 on the last day of school before vacation, December 21st , Come join us in this annual Fox tradition!

Everyone will be learning holiday music for Thanksgiving through New Year’s Day during this celebratory time of the year.

Please make every effort to help your child remember their things for the school day. It is disruptive to a classroom and your child's learning day if we have to call them to the office. When delivering lunches, notebooks, money, etc. PLEASE make sure your child's name and teacher are clearly marked on the item. This helps to avoid mistakes.

Please make after-school arrangements with your child in the morning before they leave for school. This will eliminate numerous interruptions to the classrooms during the day to notify the students and avoid a lot of confusion at the end of the day.

Student Council



The election of officers will take place at our Nov. 13th meeting. The annual Fox/Kiwanis Club food drive benefitting the local residents in Macomb Township will begin November 7th through Monday, November 19th. Any non-perishable food items will help out this wonderful program of local families in need. The Kiwanis club supplements our donations with fresh produce and turkeys, and fed hundreds of local families last year. **No glass containers, please! Especially needed are protein based foods and cereals. Tuna, peanut butter, pork and beans, complete dinner boxes, and baby food (in plastic) are especially needed.

Lunch Money

Please make check for lunches out to:
Chippewa Valley Food Service or CVS Food Service.
(not Chippewa Valley Schools) Thank You.

MEDIA NEWS

The Halloween Grams went well and the money went to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Our Book Fair will be held the week of conferences: November 26th thru November 29th. I will be here Thursday afternoon and both evenings. Please come and look, there are more books that are not listed in the pamphlet. Books make great gifts.

Please send in any old cartridges and cell phones to be recycled. There will be a box in the office for the small items. You can bring items in anytime. We receive money for these and it is used to buy things for the Media Center. Thanks to everyone for supporting the Media Center. I wish all of our Fox Families a very Happy and Healthy Holidays.

Mrs. Ida

Please make checks payable to:

Lunches: Chippewa Valley Food Service

Field Trips: Fox Elementary

Childcare: Chippewa Valley Schools

PTO Sponsored Events: Fox PTO

Thank you for making your check out appropriately. The bank charges Fox for each NSF (non sufficient funds) check. Unfortunately this charge will need to be passed on to the writer of each NSF check that the school receives.

From PE Central

During the month of October, your child got the opportunity to test their bowling skills. They were introduced to a variety of bowling concepts (from keeping score, to proper finger usage for gripping the ball, to the three step approach, and various vocabulary words relating to bowling). Here are a few of the vocabulary words that your child learned: strike, spare, split, mark, frame, turkey, gutter, pin triangle, and foul line. The bowling lanes, pins and balls were graciously provided by Kingswood Lanes at zero cost to Fox. Your child should have come home with a bowling coupon book loaded with coupons for future visits.

We are moving on to our football related games. Where your child will be working on various throwing, kicking, and catching activities, and learning vocabulary words that relate to football.



14th ANNUAL FOX GIVING TREE

Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching and keeping with the giving season here at Fox Elementary, Fox PTO, Teachers and Staff will be participating in the Annual Fox Elementary Giving Tree.

There will be a holiday tree decorated with special "gift idea" ornaments. Gift ideas are directly from the wish list of the children or families we are helping. The price ranges from \$2.00 to \$50.00 so anyone can participate.

We help Fox Families right here in our school. In years past, through the Giving Tree, we provided coats, clothing, hats, socks, shoes, books, games and toys.

November

- 1 Picture Retake Day 8:30 to 11:00 am
- 2 School Store Open at Lunch
- 3 Daylight Savings Time - Fall back one hour
- 6 NO SCHOOL - Election Day
- 10 Mom to Mom Sale
- 13 PTO Meeting at 8:30 am - Fox Cafeteria
- 14 Cookie Dough Delivery
- 15 1st Grade Turkey Trot Concert
- 16 School Store Open at Lunch
Night with Numbers - 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Break
- 26 Classes Resume
- 26-29 Book Fair open during Conferences
- 27 Report Cards go Home
- 28 School All Day -Evening
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 29 Students Attend AM Only
Conferences Afternoon & Evening
- 30 Students AM Only

December

- 3-7 Santa Shop
- 6 Little Caesar Delivery
- 11 Santa Visits Fox
PTO Meeting @ 8:30 am
Sorrento Pizza Night
- 12 Chuck E. Cheese Night
- 13 3rd Grade Christmas Concert @ 7:00 pm
- 14 Movie Night @ 6:30 pm
School Store open at Lunch
- 20 Class Parties
- 21 Holiday Break begins at end of day*

*No School December 22nd thru January 6th

January

- 7 Classes Resume
- 8 Sorrento Pizza Night
- 11 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 15 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 am
- 16 McDonalds Night
- 18 Progress Reports go home
- 21 **Dr. Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 25 School Store Open @ Lunch

February

- 4 Valentine Grams Go Out
- 6 American Pie Night
100th Day Celebration
- 8 School Store Open -
- 12 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 am - Fox Cafeteria
Sorrento Pizza Night
- 13 **COUNT DAY**
- 16-24 Mid-Winter Break
- 25 Classes Resume

March

- 1 School Store open @ Lunch
Little Caesars Kit Sale
 - 5 Spring Picture Day
 - 8 Fox Fair
 - 12 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 - Fox Cafeteria
Report Cards go Home
Sorrento Pizza Night
 - 13 School All Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening
 - 14 School AM Only
Afternoon & Evening Conferences
 - 15 School AM Only
Donuts with Day
School Store Open @ Lunch
 - 21 Little Caesar Delivery
- 29-April 7 Spring Break**

April

- 8 Classes Resume
- 9 Sorrento Pizza Night
- 10 McDonalds Night
- 11 Fifth Grade Concert
- 12 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 16 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 - Fox Cafeteria
- 26 School Store Open @ Lunch
Spring Dance

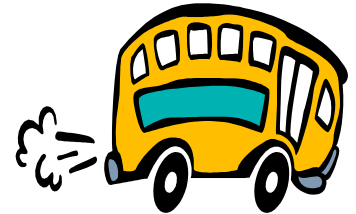
May

- 3 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 4 Progress Report Home
- 10 Muffins with Mom
- 14 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 - Fox Cafeteria
- 17 School Store Open @ Lunch



From Behind the Wheel

Chippewa Valley Schools
Pupil Transportation Department



Notes about *Notes* from the Pupil Transportation Department

On rare occasions, it may be necessary for a student to ride home on a different bus than the one that is assigned to them. During prior years, it has been our practice to accept notes from both sets of parents involved (both sending and receiving) allowing one student to ride home with another student at the Building Principal's discretion either for play dates or homework help, or at times, for daycare purposes. As budgets get tighter and gas prices rise, our ridership continues to increase making it more and more difficult to 'guarantee' that only 2 students will share a seat on the bus.

In an effort to maintain as reasonable a number of students on a bus as possible, the Pupil Transportation Department can no longer support the practice of students casually riding on another student's bus whether they have a note or not. We feel it is important that only eligible students ride buses and that they ride only the bus to which they are assigned.

We understand that situations will arise that may make it necessary for students to ride on a different bus and can certainly support exceptions. For instance, we would ask that in situations where parents may be out of town for a period of time, that they use the Alternate Address Busing form.

In cases where students are working on a project together and must ride home together for that purpose we would ask that parents contact the Pupil Transportation Department prior to the day this needs to occur to determine if there is room on the bus.

It is important that we know who is riding our buses.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to continue to safely and efficiently transport your students to and from school each day.

Brendan Paul Wagner

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



FROM MRS. IDA - MEDIA CENTER

FAMILY NIGHT OUT – PSYCHOLOGY OF CYBERSPACE

One conversation – Two important nights

Nov 28
& Jan 23



Nov 28, 2012 6:30 – 8:30pm

Part One: What does the research say?

- ✓ Latest research on technology and youth in America
- ✓ How technology is changing our world

January 23, 2013 6:30 – 8:30pm

Part Two: How Teens View Their Digital Life

- ✓ Teen Panel: My life with technology
- ✓ Avatars: Who am I?
- ✓ Technology addiction: Take the Quiz



FAMILY NIGHT OUT AT DAKOTA

- ❖ How often are teens texting and using Facebook and Twitter?
- ✓ What are teenagers' favorite ways to communicate with their friends and family?
- How do teens think these new communications tools are affecting their friendships and family relations, if at all?
- How does social networking make most teens feel about themselves and their relationships with their peers? Does it make them feel more connected or more isolated? Better about themselves, or more depressed and lonely?
- How do the heaviest social media users compare to other teens in terms of their social and emotional well-being?

HOW TO REGISTER



Email
slange@cvs.k12.mi.us



Call 586-723-2872



Online at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VT6CHH>

These events are **free of charge** and open to anyone in the community that would like to join the conversation about how technology is shaping our lives.

Bring neighbors, friends, and colleagues to explore this very important facet of our lives.

PIZZA IS SERVED at 6:30
Donations are welcome



CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS

Facilities Management Department
42278 Romeo Plank Road Clinton Township, MI 48038
Phone: 586-723-2250 Fax: 586-723-2251

“Chippewa Valley Schools...preparing students today for the challenges of tomorrow”

September 16, 2012

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We would like to inform you that an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling insects, rodents, and weeds will be used at Chippewa Valley Schools. The IPM approach we will be using focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources, and hiding places for the pests. We will also routinely monitor the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established. Some IPM techniques we will employ include monitoring, increased sanitation, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest and modifying storage practices.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to control a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals must be used, the school will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Access to treated areas will be secured against unauthorized access for the period specified on the pesticide label. Notices will be posted at the application sites and will remain there until the posted safe re-entry time is met.

For your information, we have a list of pesticides and material safety and data sheets (MSDS) that may be used in the school this school year. This list may be obtained by contacting the IPM Coordinator/Chippewa Valley Schools Custodial Supervisor at (586) 723-2253.

Parents or guardians may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the notification registry. After October 1, 2011 the registrants will be notified at least 72 hours before a pesticide is applied. If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided as soon as possible after the application. Exemptions to this notification include cleaners (disinfectants), baits and gels, and any EPA exempt pesticides. If you would like to be placed on this registry please complete and return the enclosed form.

If you have any questions, please contact Lawrence Kleinhans, IPM Coordinator at (586) 723-2253.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Kleinhans
IPM Coordinator/Custodial Supervisor

NOTIFICATION FOR SPECIFIC PESTICIDE APPLICATION

(School Name)

I would like to be notified before any specific pesticide application is made at this school. In the event an emergency application for a pest problem is needed, I will be notified afterward.

I would prefer to be contacted by (circle one): Phone Call E-Mail

Date: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Return to:

Lawrence Kleinhans, IPM Coordinator
Chippewa Valley Schools
Facilities Maintenance Office
42278 Romeo Plank
Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Helpful reminders of things that do not change throughout the year.

FOX POLICIES & PROCEDURES

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

First Bell 8:24 a.m.
Full Day: 8:30 – 3:18 p.m.
Childcare: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



ECSE a.m. 8:30 a.m. – 11:06 p.m.
ECSE p.m. 12:39 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Half Days: 8:30 a.m. – 11:42 a.m.
Breakfast: 8:15-8:25 a.m.
Students are not to arrive before 8:24 a.m. unless attending Childcare or purchasing breakfast

Absence Line (586) 723-5699

If your child will not be in school, **please call the schools 24 hour absence line (not only the teacher)**

- State the student's first and last name, grade, teacher,
- Date of absence and reason for absence.

Arrival - Late Arrival & Early Dismissal

Parents must come into the office to sign students in and out when there is a change in the daily schedule.

- Adult must sign student in & out from office
- Identification necessary for all early dismissals.
- Students will be dismissed ONLY to person(s) listed on the student EMERGENCY CARD.

Emergency Cards

- In case of an emergency at school, please make sure that current work numbers and emergency numbers are available to the school office.



LATE PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL: STUDENTS WAITING
If you are late in picking your student up from school they are instructed to wait by the flag.

Contacting Fox Staff

You can contact the school staff one of two ways:

E-mail. Type first initial of the staff member's first name and full last name coupled with this suffix @cvs.k12.mi.us (dwade@cvs.k12.mi.us)

Call 723-5600. If you know the extension dial 723 and the extension directly.

Food Service Program

- Lunch must be ordered the day before. Ex: Lunch on Tuesday is ordered on Monday
- Fox Pizza Day is Thursday!
- Menus and or nutrition information @:
<http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/lunch.asp> or
<http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/LUNCH%20MENU/pdf/Nutrition%20Info.pdf>
- **FAST FOOD IS NOT PERMITTED** in our lunchroom
- Our food service offers lunch options for all students. If your student does not choose to order a hot lunch, they may bring a bag lunch from home. **Outside restaurant food** will not be allowed or delivered to your student during the day.

Visitors

- Our lunchrooms are not equipped to handle guests, including parents and or family members.
- Please send lunch with your child in the morning.

Immunization Requirements

The State of Michigan requires all students to be properly immunized. Failure to provide the office with proof of proper immunization documentation may result in exclusion from school. If you have any questions, please call the office at 723-5600. During the year the Macomb County Health Department visits the school and tests for vision and hearing.

Medication Policy (forms are available in our office and on-line @ www.chippewavalleyschools.org)

- Chippewa Valley Schools provides a form and requires written instructions from the physician before any **Prescription medication**, is dispensed.
- A form is necessary for **over-the-counter medications** that will be dispensed at school.
- All medication **MUST** be in the original container or packaging.
- Containers or packaging **MUST** be labeled with the child's name, medication, dose and time.
- Medications brought to school in other containers will **not** be given to the student.
- Information on the use and adverse effects of any medication given in school should be provided to the school by the parent, pharmacist or physician.
- All medications **MUST** be transported to and from school by **parents only** and include the proper forms.

Visitors Welcome

- Please remember that all visitors must report to the office.
- Sign in and pick-up visitors pass.
- This pass must be worn while you are in the building.
- At the conclusion of your visit, please stop by the office to sign out.
- It is important that our visitors restrain from walking around the building once they are done with their volunteer activity.

Parking Lot and Traffic

- Lot closest to the creek – BUS AND STAFF ONLY
- Lot closest to the cat-walk – VISITOR & STUDENT DROP OFF
- Please keep all cross walks clear. DO NOT stop your vehicle in the middle of this area.
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR unattended along the sidewalks
- ALL pedestrians MUST cross at the crosswalk with a Crossing Guard

Childcare

(586) 723-5684

- Childcare program is available from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day that school is in session.

Policy on Personal Items

- Students should **not** bring toys, game boys, Nintendo DS or any hand-held electronic games, CD players, PDA's and iPods, memorabilia, special cards or other collectible or expensive items to school.
- Fox School will not be responsible for personal items that may be lost or damaged.
- Such items will be collected and kept throughout the year.
- Items may be picked up by a parent in the main office.
- Cell Phones must be OFF and kept in student lockers during school hours.

Skate Boarding, Smoking, Pets and Roller Blade Hockey are NOT ALLOWED on School Grounds.